



# Broad Appétit

## Richmond, Virginia

### June 6, 2010

"Broad Appétit is a food festival that features only locally-owned restaurants and Virginia-based growers and food producers. Demonstrations, music, and kids' activities round out the perfect day in downtown Richmond.

Our event specifically features local producers and growers and specialty local food sources, as well as eco-friendly services such as Farm to Family, Backyard Farmers, Slow Food RVA and many other non-profits whose goal is to support our local, sustainable food sources and lessen our impact on the environment.

Our event is in its third year of operation and considers its eco-friendly stance one of its core purposes – to show how events can be gentle on the earth. We are incorporating many new levels of waste reduction this year, such as biodegradable banners, which we print a minimal number of, and FULL composting, which is important at a food festival. Please call if you would like additional details."

**Green Statement:** "Broad Appétit has made being green a priority since its inception in 2008. We will always strive to do everything possible to eliminate waste and lessen our footprint."



### CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Attractions

☒ **Recycling.** Events must provide recycling for its participants. Recycling should be highly visible and made available to the public with clear signage. The organizers of this event pledge that they provide recycling for:

- Glass bottles, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, paper, cardboard, composting of food & other compostable items
- Will feature recycling organizations and composting demonstrations within the festival

☒ **Minimize the use of disposable food service products.** The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:

- Use disposable foodservice items that are made from bio-based, renewable materials (corn, bamboo, potato starch, sugarcane, etc.)
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable (in your area!)
- Use compostable food service items and direct this material to available composting operations in your area

☑ **Printed Materials.** Recycled-content, soy-based inks, and 2-sided copies -- and quantities should be minimized whenever possible! The organizers of this event pledge that they:

- Use electronic registration, correspondence and forms
- Print brochures and other printed items on recycled content paper and print all documents double-sided
- Purchase/use paper products with 30% or higher recycled-content

☑ **Waste Reduction.** Event planners should make a general commitment to reduce the amount of waste generated by their event. The organizers of this event pledge that they:

- Chose a location/venue that shares a similar commitment to reducing its environmental impacts and include green specifics in contracting

*Food service*

- Donate excess food from events
- Arrange for the composting of food waste and other compostables
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Avoid box lunches and serve trays/platters of food instead



*Restrooms*

- Have a contract for environmentally-friendly, portable restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

*Logistics*

- Encourage the use of mass-transit and/or carpooling to the event
- Provide for recycling of boxes and other set-up wastes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Chefs use blackboards rather than signs to display what they are serving

☑ **Green Signage.** Event planners must commit to tell their participants about how green the event is. Event signage should include the Virginia Green logo and list all "green activities" practiced in the planning and operation of the event. The organizers of this event pledge that they:

- Have a link on our website to the Virginia Green Events webpage
- Have a green event section on our event's webpage highlighting all of our green activities
- Have signs at the event registration which list all of our green activities
- Use the Virginia Green logo on signs and on recycling containers
- Have quantified our greening efforts and will post estimates of the reduced environmental impacts

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For more information on **Broad Appétit**, see [www.broadappetit.com](http://www.broadappetit.com) or contact Tracey Leverty at [tracey@echelon-events.com](mailto:tracey@echelon-events.com) or (804) 305-0601.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen) or [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org).

